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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - GLOBAL ECONOMY, NORTH  
KOREA AND PAKISTAN

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Most Tuesday morning papers  
front-paged a coordinated decision by the central banks  
of the U.S., Japan, and Europe to provide financial  
markets an additional \$330 billion in liquidity in  
order to make credit available in dollars amid a freeze  
in lending among commercial banks.

¶2. "Bailout Scheme Must be Effective" On the U.S. plan  
to bail out the financial industry, the conservative  
Sankei editorialized (8/30): "What is critical is to  
employ all tools available in order to preempt a  
financial depression. Elections must not be used as an  
excuse to prevent that."

¶3. "Assistant Secretary Hill Is Facing Crucial Moment"  
A Washington correspondent for the top-circulation,  
moderate Yomiuri wrote (9/30): "In his upcoming trip to  
Pyongyang, Assistant Secretary of State Hill will  
attempt to find common ground on the issue of nuclear  
verification in order to jumpstart the nuclear  
disarmament process. If his diplomacy falters, however,  
the U.S. and South Korea would likely suspend energy  
assistance for North Korea in order to counter its  
restoration of nuclear facilities at Yongbyon. The six-  
party talks appear to be at a crossroads."

¶4. "Turmoil in Nuclear State Worrisome" On growing  
political instability in Pakistan, the liberal Asahi  
asserted in an editorial (9/30): "What is worrisome is  
that Pakistan possesses nuclear arsenals. If the  
Zardari government's grip on power wanes, such weapons  
may fall into the hands of terrorists. This must be  
prevented at all costs. Preoccupation with Afghanistan  
runs the risk of undermining security in Pakistan and

this is very dangerous.... The international community should prioritize supporting the civilian Pakistani government in order to help it tamp down domestic unrest."

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